

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have amended Claim 1 and have cancelled Claims 7-16, 19-24 and 26. No new matter was added by these amendments. Claims 1-6, 17-18 and 25 remain in this application. Applicants request reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and these remarks and arguments.

The Examiner has objected to Claim 9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but states that the claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. In the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to include all of the limitations of allowable Claim 9 and intervening Claims 7 and 8. Claim 1 is, thereby, now in a condition for allowance. All of the remaining dependent Claims 2-6, 17-18 and 25 depend from allowable Claim 1, thereby, rendering these claims allowable.

The Examiner has rejected: Claims 1-5 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsirtsis (US 2004/0148428) in view of Ng, et al. (US 2006/006214); Claim 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsirtsis in view of Ng, et al., and further in view of Perkins, et al. (Route Optimization in Mobile IP); Claims 11-19, 21-22 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thubert, et al. (US 2004/0246931) in view of Ng, et al.; and Claims 23-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thubert, et al. in view of Ng, et al. and further in view of Leung (USPN 6,636,498). Applicants submit that these rejections are moot in view of the above amendments and request that the Examiner accordingly remove these rejections.

An early notice of allowance is requested.

In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

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Respectfully submitted,

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